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Octave Chanute, an eminent American engineer, whose enthusiasm and great knowledge have stimulated the work of Herring, Hufaker, the Wrights and many others, and whose advice and supervision was freely given in perfecting the machine which has finally succeeded.

H. H. CLAYTON.

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*THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF SCIENCE.*

AT the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the council resolved to add the vice-presidents of the association and the permanent secretary to the editorial committee of *SCIENCE*. The vice-presidents of the association, each of whom is chairman of one of the ten sections, represent the sciences covered by the journal, and are always among the most efficient and active men of science of the country. Their cooperation during their term of office will greatly promote the interests of the association and of the journal. We also hope to secure the cooperation of several other men of science in order that all branches of science and all parts of the country may be adequately represented. The members of the committee who have had control of the journal during the nine years of the new series will of course remain as heretofore. *SCIENCE* is now so well established as the representative organ of American men of science that it seems unnecessary to print each week the names of the editorial committee and of the responsible editor.

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*SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.*

WE hope to publish next week the official report of the St. Louis meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and as soon as possible the reports of the societies meeting in affiliation with it and of the other societies that met during convocation week at Philadelphia and elsewhere. Professor Farlow, of Harvard University, the eminent botanist, was elected president of the association, and vice-presidents were elected as follows: Professor Alexander Ziwet, of the University of Michigan, Section of Mathe-

matics and Astronomy; Professor W. F. Magie, Princeton University, Section of Physics; Professor C. P. Kinnicutt, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Section of Chemistry; Professor D. S. Jacobus, Stevens Institute of Technology, Section of Mechanical Science and Engineering; Professor E. A. Smith, University of Alabama, Section of Geology and Geography; Dr. C. Hart Merriam, U. S. Biological Survey, Section of Zoology; Professor B. L. Robinson, Harvard University, Section of Botany; Dr. Walter Hough, U. S. National Museum, Section of Anthropology; Martin A. Knapp, Interstate Commission of Commerce, Section of Social and Economic Science. President C. S. Howe, Case School of Applied Science, was elected secretary of the council, and Professor C. A. Waldo, Purdue University, general secretary. The association will meet next year at Philadelphia and the following year at New Orleans.

THE American Society of Naturalists at the annual meeting in St. Louis last week elected officers as follows: *President*, E. L. Mark, Harvard University; *vice-president for the Eastern Section*, Franklin P. Mall, the Johns Hopkins University; *vice-president for the Central Section*, John M. Coulter, of the University of Chicago; *secretary*, Chas. B. Davenport, University of Chicago; *treasurer*, Hermann von Schrenk, Missouri Botanical Garden and the Bureau of Forestry; *additional members of the executive committee*, Professor J. McKeen Cattell, Columbia University, and Professor William Trelease, Missouri Botanical Garden. The program of the Naturalists at St. Louis was similar to that of recent years. On Tuesday evening President David Starr Jordan, Stanford University, gave an illustrated lecture on 'The Resources of the Sea,' which was followed by a smoker at the University Club. On Wednesday afternoon the annual discussion was held, the subject being 'What kind of degrees should be conferred for scientific work?' the opening speakers being President Jordan, President Van Hise, Professor Cattell and Professor Coulter. The annual dinner was held on Tuesday evening at the Mercantile Club, and was followed by the address of the presi-